



Sandy 4th Celebration

Plans are underway for the annual Sandy 4th celebration taking place on Wednesday, July 4 on the beautiful grassy South Towne Promenade between Sandy City Hall and the South Towne Center. The celebration will begin at 7 a.m. with a 5k fun run and a sanctioned 10k run to kick-off a day of fun and activities for the whole family. As always, the day will end with a bang as the sky is lit with fireworks. Please watch the next newsletter for a complete list of events that will include a map of the parade route which has a slight directional change for this year's event.

Early registration is available online for the 5k and 10k events at www.sandy.utah.gov or by calling 568-2900.

Should We Create a New School District (con't)

Study Findings

While future school boards will make decisions affecting specific financial and educational issues, the study shows programs, achievements, finances, and responsiveness may be affected in the following ways:

Educational Quality and Achievement

- The new district will be capable of continuing the educational programs currently offered by the Jordan District.
- The two districts would be very similar in terms of academic achievement and test score results.
- The study cites research which shows that smaller districts generally correlate with smaller schools and class sizes.
- The study results also cited school district employees' concerns regarding job security and salaries when creating a new school district, yet noted that state law protects employees in such a situation by maintaining their salaries, benefits, and seniority status.

School Finances

- Taxes in the Jordan School District are likely to go up to pay for new growth. If a new school district is created, that tax increase will be reduced.
- With existing taxes, a new school district in the cities east of the Jordan River would have more revenues per student than currently exist.
- The west side of the Jordan School District would have less revenue per student than currently, but still more than many Wasatch Front districts.
- If a new school district is created, it could direct local tax resources to meet local school facility needs, such as renovations, rebuilds and new schools.

Local Responsiveness

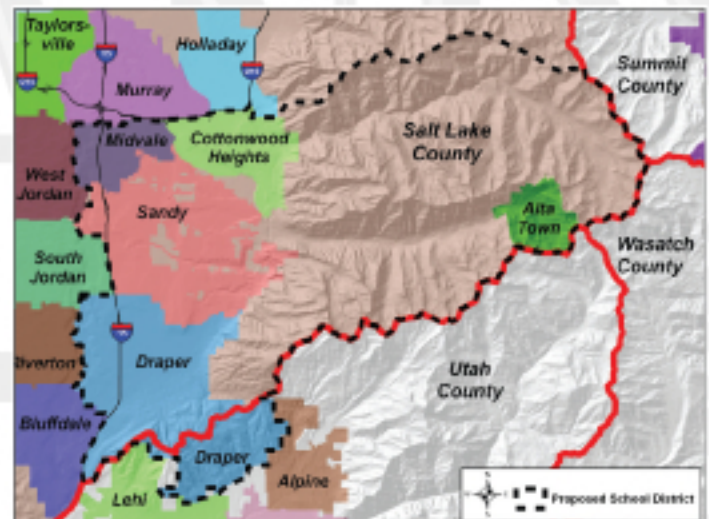
- School priorities east of the Jordan River are different from those on the west. While the west side of the district needs more schools to meet growth, the east communities have aging schools and stable student enrollments.
- A new school district in cities east of the Jordan River would benefit all communities by directing locally generated taxes to the specific needs of each area.
- Creating smaller school districts will offer more local control and could be more locally responsive to differing citizen preferences.

What's Next?

What do you think? We'd like to hear from you. Following the town meetings, each city will hold a public hearing during the summer months to consider placing this issue on the ballot in November.

How to Learn More

The full text of the feasibility study can be obtained on each city's website, at any Salt Lake County Library branch within the Jordan School District, or at the city offices of each participating community. Additionally, you will receive a separate mailer with more detail regarding this study. We encourage you to learn all you can about this very important issue for our community.



Map of the proposed new school district that would include Midvale, Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, Draper, Alta and portions of Salt Lake County.